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Dear

**Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act**

Thank you for your email of 6 July, making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

**Request:**

I wish to make a series of separate requests under the Freedom of Information Act. The data required for the fulfilment of these requests are routinely collected and stored on the DAWN, INRStar and ProTime software programmes to support the provision of anticoagulation services. For convenience, I am including these separate requests in the same letter.

1. Please confirm or deny whether your NHS Trust collects data on the number of patients diagnosed with atrial fibrillation who are treated with warfarin by i) gender and ii) age group.
  - a. If confirmed, please provide the number of i) male and ii) female patients
  - b. If confirmed, please provide the number of patients aged i) below 45 years old ii) 45-54 years old, iii) 55-64 years old, iv) 65-74 years old, v) 75-84 years old and vi) 85 years old and above
2. Please confirm or deny whether your NHS Trust collects data on the time in therapeutic range (TTR) of patients diagnosed with atrial fibrillation who are treated with warfarin.
  - a. If confirmed, please provide details of the number of patients with a TTR (calculated over a maintenance period of at least 6 months while excluding those initiated within the last 6 weeks, as per NICE Clinical Guideline 180 (CG180)) of i) 64.9-55 per cent, ii) 54.9-45 per cent, iii) 44.9-35 per cent and iv) 34.9 per cent and below.

3. Please confirm or deny whether your NHS Trust collects data on the International Normalised Ratio (INR) values of patients diagnosed with atrial fibrillation who are treated with warfarin.
  - a. If confirmed, please provide details of number of patients within the past six months recorded with i) two INR values higher than five, ii) one INR value higher than eight, or iii) two INR values less than 1.5.
4. Please confirm or deny whether your NHS Trust collects data on the frequency of blood tests for purposes of INR readings of patients diagnosed with atrial fibrillation.
  - a. If confirmed, please provide details of the average interval between blood tests for INR readings.
5. Please confirm or deny whether your NHS Trust collects data on the number of patients diagnosed with atrial fibrillation who are treated with warfarin and self-monitoring or self-managing their anticoagulation therapy.
  - a. If confirmed, please provide the number of patients diagnosed with atrial fibrillation who are treated with warfarin who are i) self-monitoring and receiving dosing instructions from a healthcare professional; and ii) self-managing their anticoagulation.
6. Please confirm or deny whether your NHS Trust has conducted a root cause analysis of adverse events related to anticoagulation treatment in atrial fibrillation patients.
  - a. If confirmed, please provide details of any root cause analysis of adverse events related to anticoagulation treatment in atrial fibrillation patients in the last 12 months.
7. Please confirm or deny whether your NHS Trust has written clinical protocols in place for reassessing patients diagnosed with atrial fibrillation who have poor warfarin anticoagulation control (as defined by NICE CG180) to determine why their TTR/INR are unstable.
  - a. If confirmed, please provide evidence of the protocol(s)
8. Please confirm or deny whether your NHS Trust has information, education and support tools available for patients diagnosed with atrial fibrillation to help them understand their treatment options and support adherence.
  - a. If confirmed, please provide evidence of the information, education and support tools that you use.

Response:

The Trust do not provide any of the services in the request and do not collect information for such purposes, and hold no information in relation to this request as a result. Such services are provided in Oxfordshire by Oxford University Hospitals NHS FT.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure

the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Information Governance